

REMARKS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-13 are currently pending. Claims 5, 7 and 9 are hereby cancelled and claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 13 are currently amended, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter deleted therein. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-13.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-13 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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